

**Minerals Management Service (MMS) Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region
Information Update Meeting in Barrow, Alaska
Inupiat Heritage Center**

Agenda

March 14, 2003

- 8:00 am Registration**
- 8:15 am Introduction**

Cleve Cowles, Ph.D., Chief, Environmental Studies Section, MMS, Alaska OCS Region, Anchorage, Alaska
Mr. J. Craig George, Wildlife Biologist, Department of Wildlife Management, North Slope Borough
- 8:30 am Trace Metals and Hydrocarbons in Sediments of Elson Lagoon (Barrow, Northwest Arctic Alaska) as Related to Prudhoe Bay Industrial Region**
Sathy Naidu, Ph.D., Institute of Marine Science, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, Alaska
- 9:00 am Arctic Nearshore Impact Monitoring in Development Area (ANIMIDA) – Overview of a Multi-Year Monitoring Program in the Nearshore Beaufort Sea**
Mr. John Brown, Coastal Resources and Environmental Management, Waltham, Massachusetts
- 9:30 am Alaska Sea Ice Atlas**
William J. Lee, University of Alaska Anchorage, School of Engineering, Anchorage, Alaska
- 10:00 am Break**
- 10:15 am Seabird Samples as Resources for Marine Environmental Assessment**
Ms. Deb Rocque, University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum, Fairbanks, Alaska
- 10:45 am Qaaktaq (Arctic Cisco)**
Harvest Trends: Mr. J. Craig George, Wildlife Biologist, NSB, Department of Wildlife Management
Population Status: Robert Fechhelm, Ph.D., LGL Alaska Research Associates, Inc.
MMS Study Plans: Cleve Cowles, Ph.D., Chief, Environmental Studies Section, MMS, Alaska OCS Region, Anchorage, Alaska
- 11:15 am Use of Sea Ice Habitat by Polar Bears in the Southern Beaufort Sea**
George M. Durner and Steven Amstrup, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Anchorage, Alaska
- 11:45 am Lunch**
- 1:15 pm A Description of Potential Impacts of OCS Activities on Bowhead Whale Hunting and Subsistence Activities in the Beaufort Sea**
Michael Downs, Ph.D. and John Russell, Ph.D., EDAW, Inc, San Diego, California

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- 1:45 pm** **Subsistence Mapping at Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, and Barrow: Past and Present Comparison**
Mr. Stephen R. Braund, Stephen R. Braund & Associates, Anchorage, Alaska
- 2:15 pm** **ANIMIDA Subtopic: Annual Assessment of Subsistence Whaling Near Cross Island**
Mr. Michael Galginaitis, Applied Sociocultural Research, Anchorage, Alaska
- 2:45 pm** **Break**
- 3:00 pm** **Monitoring the Distribution of Arctic Whales**
Mr. Steve Treacy, MMS, Alaska OCS Region, Anchorage, Alaska
- 3:30 pm** **Bowhead Whale Feeding in the Eastern Alaskan Beaufort Sea: Update of Scientific and Traditional Information**
W. John Richardson, Ph.D., LGL Ltd., environmental research associates, King City, Ontario, Canada
- 4:00 pm** **General Question and Answer Period**
- 4:30 pm** **End of Meeting**